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Sen. Laura M. Toy announces Garden City, Livonia, Westland to receive state grants for local road projects

LANSING – Garden City, Livonia and Westland will all receive funds from the state to help improve local roadways, said state Sen. Laura M. Toy, 6th District.

"We were able to leverage some federal dollars to make improvements to our local roads with state grants at a fraction of the cost," Sen. Toy said. "It's really too good to pass up."

Maplewood Avenue in Garden City will see a complete reconstruction of the existing concrete pavement from Inkster Road west a half mile to Harrison Avenue, and from Henry Ruff Road west a half mile to Merriman Road.

Garden City will get a \$213,150 grant from the state to serve as matching funds for federal monies which will pay for the remainder of the total project cost, estimated at \$1.7 million.

"By allocating only \$44 million in state funds, we will be able to fund more than \$320 million in local road projects," Sen. Toy said. "Residents will see the impact of these projects in their daily travels.

"Having a reliable transportation system is also vital to our state's economic success."

Stark Road in Livonia will be reconstructed or rehabilitated from Plymouth Road to eastbound Schoolcraft Road, as will eastbound Schoolcraft Road from Stark to Farmington Road.

Livonia will receive a state grant of \$174,000 for the project, estimated to cost \$871,550.

Westland will receive a grant of \$548,100 for a project estimated to cost nearly \$3 million to fund improvements to the Ann Arbor Trail between Farmington Road and Inkster.

Sen. Toy said that additional state grants for local road projects may be announced later this year or next year.